

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/808,886

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/09/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,9,10 (Rearranged claims are 1-4).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Miss. Judith A. Szepesi on 03/29/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 6, after "redirect", add -- the --.

In claim 1, line 7, "responses" was changed to -- response --.

In claim 1, line 11, after "screen", "a" was changed to -- the --.

In claim 1, line 12, after "identify", add -- the --.

In claim 1, line 12, "responses" was changed to -- response --.

In claim 9, line 10, "responses" was changed to -- response --.

In claim 10, line 6, after "redirect", add -- the --.

In claim 10, line 6, "responses" was changed to -- response --.

In claim 10, line 11, after "identify", add -- the --.

In claim 10, line 11, "responses" was changed to -- response --.

*Reasons for Allowance*

2. Claims 1,4,9 and 10 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claims 1,10, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in combination the recited system wherein the proxy server comprises a message ID recognition logic to identify notification message originating from the third party originator and a message screener to screen the response directed to the MMSC by the recipient as well as to identify the response sent in response to the third party originator. No prior art was found that discloses or teaches the limitations of the claims. Since claim 4 is dependent upon claim 1, the claim 4 is also allowed.

As to claim 9, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in combination the recited system wherein a message originator sends a notification message including retrieving information of a multimedia message directly to a recipient's device without the use of a multimedia messaging service center as well as a message redirector of a message handler, resident on the recipient's device, identifies the header of the response to determine that the response is for the originator in response to the notification message, and redirecting the response to the originator. No prior art was found that discloses or teaches the limitations of the claims.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

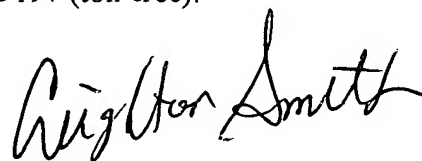
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Md S. Elahee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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